

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

SKETCHES
OF
LEGISLATORS

AND
STATE OFFICERS

1876-1878.

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LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORY — SENATORS.

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

Counties—Travis, Williamson, Burnet and Lampasas.

SENATOR A. W. TERRELL is a native of Patrick county, Virginia, where he was born November 3, 1828. He received his academical education at the Missouri State University, and studied law at Booneville, Missouri, with Payton R. Hayden. His father, with family, had emigrated to Missouri in 1822, and in 1853 the subject of this sketch moved

from thence to Texas, and settled in the City of Austin, where he opened a law office and

entered into practice. He at once took a prominent stand as a Democrat, and was a member of the State Executive Committee from 1855 to 1857. During these years he was a law partner of the late Judge W. S. Oldham.

In 1857 he was a candidate for district judge of the Austin district, against John A. Green, of Austin, over whom he was elected. His record on the bench was a good one, being regarded as an able exponent of the law. He remained district judge until 1862, when he joined the Confederate army, and in 1863 became lieutenant-colonel of cavalry. He was soon promoted to the rank of colonel of cavalry, and had command of a regiment under Kirby Smith, John G. Walker, Dick Taylor, S. B. Buckner, and other generals, until the close of the war. He was promoted to the rank of brigadier general just before hostilities ceased.

In politics Judge Terrell has been a steadfast Democrat, but since the war he has devoted himself exclusively to business pursuits, mainly to his profession. Some four years since he formed a copartnership in the practice of the law with Judge A. S. Walker, of the City of Austin, the firm establishing its office in this city. The legal acumen of Judge Walker coupled with the ability of Judge Terrell, as an advocate, gives them the complete confidence of the public, and their business has grown into grand proportions. Terrell & Walker are the Supreme Court re-

porters, and have been for the past two years and more, in which capacity they have already reported and had published five volumes of the Reports. Judge Terrell was the

Democratic nominee for the State Senatorship, and was elected without opposition.

Judge Terrell is a man of distinguished personal appearance, courteous in his manners, and a very fine conversationalist. He is a widower, and resides in the City of Austin with the remnant of his family.